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Session 1: Word List

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

altitude

n. the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level

synonym : height, elevation, tallness

(1) the meridian **altitude**, (2) low **altitude**

The plane flew at a high **altitude** to avoid turbulence.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym : characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

geek

n. a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed

synonym : nerd, dork, enthusiast

(1) airplane **geek**, (2) **geek** enthusiast

He was a computer **geek** and spent all his free time coding.

fatty

adj. containing a lot of fat

synonym: greasy, oily

(1) less **fatty** meat, (2) **fatty** acid

You should keep away from **fatty** foods.

unfair

adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

synonym: wrongful, biased, dishonest

(1) **unfair** employment practices, (2) have an **unfair** advantage

In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making **unfair** decisions.

presuppose

v. to assume or require as an essential condition or prerequisite; to take for granted or consider as a necessary assumption before further discussion or action

synonym: assume, suppose, postulate

(1) **presuppose** certain conditions, (2) **presuppose** a limitation

To fully understand the concept, we must **presuppose** certain background knowledge.

retirement

n. the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job

synonym: resignation, withdrawal, retreat

(1) **retirement** from politics, (2) impending **retirement**

This fund is responsible for disability and **retirement** benefits.

shave

v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something

synonym: trim, cut down, prune

(1) **shave** my head, (2) **shave** cheese

That supermarket tried to **shave** certain costs by saving

electricity.

marine

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

synonym : sea-dwelling, maritime, aquatic

(1) **marine** insurance, (2) variety of **marine** life

Seals and whales are **marine** animals beloved by the people.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

realistic

adj. having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

synonym : practical, pragmatic, down-to-earth

(1) a **realistic** goal, (2) a **realistic** goal

That story was so **realistic**, and it was scary.

professional

adj. having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

synonym : skilled, competent, accomplished

(1) **professional** athlete, (2) certified **professional** secretary

He has a **professional** demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.

wrestling

n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

synonym : grappling, fighting, brawling

(1) **wrestling** match, (2) arm **wrestling**

He had always been interested in sumo **wrestling** and decided to try it.

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up

something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym : forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

masquerade

n. a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show

synonym : disguise, pretense, facade

(1) show up in a **masquerade**, (2) absurd **masquerade**

The **masquerade** party was lavish, with guests in elaborate costumes and masks.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

dismiss

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

synonym : decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from

the post.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym : allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

shyness

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

synonym : bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier

He finally overcame his **shyness**.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym : aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

overly

adv. to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable

synonym : excessively, too much

(1) **overly** excessive, (2) **overly** unnecessary

The movie was **overly** dramatic, with exaggerated emotions and cliched plot twists.

apologetic

adj. feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something

synonym : sorry, regretful, remorseful

(1) **apologetic** tone, (2) **apologetic** letter

He was **apologetic** for being late to the meeting.

foolish

adj. lacking good sense or judgment; displaying a lack of wisdom or intelligence

synonym : silly, absurd, imprudent

(1) **foolish** behavior, (2) **foolish** decision

Forgetting to save his work was a **foolish** mistake that cost him hours of effort.

garbage

n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

synonym : waste, trash, debris

(1) **garbage** collection, (2) lump of **garbage**

The **garbage** truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.

trash

n. discarded material, refuse, or waste

synonym : garbage, waste, refuse

(1) **trash** bin, (2) **trash** disposal site

The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of **trash** in the streets.

dumpster

n. a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck

(1) **dumpster** diving, (2) empty the **dumpster**

The employee found \$100 in the **dumpster** behind the store.

crush

v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

synonym : destroy, demolish, pulverize

(1) **crush** coffee beans, (2) **crush** a revolt

The car was completely **crushed** in the accident.

compact

adj. closely and firmly united or packed together, using very little space; smaller than is usual

synonym : packed, tight, consolidated

(1) a **compact** camera, (2) extremely **compact** device

Two countries acted together as if by **compact**.

poetry

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

synonym : ode, poesy, verse

(1) modern **poetry**, (2) book of **poetry**

Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so

the composition of **poetry** varies greatly.

boomerang

n. a curved, flat wooden or metal weapon that is thrown and can return to the thrower; a plan, action, or attempt that unintentionally rebounds on the person who initiates it

synonym: bouncing bomb, comeback, backfire

(1) **boomerang** effect, (2) throw a **boomerang**

The criticism that he gave to his boss ended up **boomeranging** on himself.

loath

adj. unwilling or reluctant to; feeling strong dislike or aversion towards

synonym: reluctant, unwilling, disinclined

(1) **loath** to negotiate, (2) **loath** to fire my loyal employee
I'm **loath** to go to the dentist because I fear the pain.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym: tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym: skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the

government's proposed legislation.

standing

adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position;
(noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

synonym : upright, vertical, (noun) position

(1) **standing** water, (2) his social **standing**

The **standing** concert was packed with fans.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

assignment

n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

synonym : task, duty, designation

(1) finish the **assignment**, (2) **assignment** of interest

My **assignment** was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

frustration

n. the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

synonym : disappointment, discouragement, dissatisfaction

(1) **frustration** level, (2) express **frustration**

He felt a deep **frustration** as he realized the project would not be completed on time.

yoga

n. a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation

synonym: meditation, exercise, spiritual practice

(1) aerial **yoga**, (2) **yoga** teacher

Many people find that regular **yoga** practice can help reduce stress and anxiety.

picnic

n. an outdoor meal or social gathering where food is served and eaten in nature, typically in a park, forest, or other outdoor settings

synonym: outing, barbecue, walkover

(1) **picnic** basket, (2) **picnic** table

The family enjoyed a lovely **picnic** in the park on a sunny day.

satisfaction

n. a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

synonym: delight, pleasure, content

(1) a sense of **satisfaction**, (2) customer **satisfaction**

The mediated settlement brought **satisfaction** to both sides.

puzzled

adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

synonym: confused, perplexed, bewildered

(1) **puzzled** expression, (2) **puzzled** by the question

She was **puzzled** by the strange behavior of her cat.

chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

synonym: cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife

The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

karate

n. a Japanese martial art that emphasizes hand and foot strikes, blocks, and evasions, often using a combination of techniques to overpower an opponent, also seen as a form of self-defense and physical training

synonym: martial art, self-defense discipline

(1) **karate** moves, (2) black belt in **karate**

She has been practicing **karate** for years and has won many tournaments.

bruise

n. a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin

synonym: contusion, injury, wound

(1) livid **bruise**, (2) earlier emotional **bruise**

She had a **bruise** on her arm from where she fell on the playground.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym: frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog

I'm **scared** of insects.

gym

n. a place equipped for exercise and other physical training

synonym: fitness center, athletic club

(1) **gym** membership, (2) a **gym** suit

She went to the fully equipped **gym** to work out every day.

principal

adj. most important, main, or chief

synonym: main, leading, chief

(1) **principal** actor, (2) **principal** responsible

The **principal** reason for the company's success is its innovative products.

investigation

n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

synonym: examination, analysis, inspection

(1) a preliminary **investigation**, (2) the scope of an

investigation

We have never before conducted a legitimate **investigation**.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

nickname

n. a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name

synonym: moniker, sobriquet, handle

(1) endearing **nickname**, (2) **nickname** for a person

The team has a **nickname** for their star player: "The Ace."

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

rhyme

n. a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

synonym: verse, poetry, meter

(1) **rhyme** poem, (2) write in **rhyme**

The poem had a consistent **rhyme** scheme throughout.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

shed

v. to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage

synonym: discard, drop, cast off

(1) **shed** an old skin, (2) a cow **shed**

He **shed** a secret tear when he heard the news of his friend's death.

heartstring

n. someone's most profound feelings, especially used to express love or compassion

(1) tear the **heartstrings**, (2) touch everyone's **heartstrings**

Her story tugged at my **heartstrings**.

ingrown

adj. referring to a hair or nail that has grown into the skin surrounding it, causing irritation or infection

synonym: embedded, imbedded, encased

(1) **ingrown** pimple, (2) **ingrown** hair

An **ingrown** toenail can be very painful and requires medical attention.

surgeon

n. a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body

synonym: sawbones, doctor

(1) an excellent brain **surgeon**, (2) army **surgeon**

He is a skilled **surgeon** that has many years of training and experience.

metastasize

v. (of a cancerous tumor or disease) to spread or grow to other parts of the body from its original location

synonym: spread, multiply, disseminate

(1) **metastasize** to the liver, (2) **metastasize** from breast cancer

Cancer cells can **metastasize** and spread to other body parts if left untreated.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels
Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

synonym : unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

bombard

v. to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously;
to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage

synonym : bomb, shoot, blitz

(1) **bombard** him with questions, (2) **bombard** a fort with heavy shells

Overprotective parents often **bombard** their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.

spitball

n. a small ball made from chewing gum or paper and moistened with saliva, typically thrown as a prank or in a playful manner; (verb) brainstorm or throw out ideas, often in a casual or non-committal manner

synonym : paper ball, chewed paper, spit wad

(1) fling a **spitball**, (2) **spitball** ideas

The teacher caught the student making a **spitball** gun in the back of the classroom.

battleground

n. a place where a battle is fought

synonym : arena, field, theater

(1) **battleground** states, (2) the legal **battleground**

The city became a **battleground** during the war.

outnumber

v. to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

synonym : surpass, exceed

(1) **outnumber** our opponents, (2) **outnumber** males
The number of tourists in the city now **outnumbers** the locals.

wretchedness

n. the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
synonym: misery, unhappiness, distress

(1) emotional **wretchedness**, (2) economic **wretchedness**
The book delves into the **wretchedness** and misery of life in a war-torn country.

recess

n. a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court

synonym: break, interval, pause

(1) a court **recess**, (2) during noon **recess**

The company decided to take a **recess** and reconvene the meeting later that day.

rehearse

v. to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

synonym: practice, recite, drill

(1) **rehearse** an opera, (2) **rehearse** a speech

The actors needed to **rehearse** their lines before the performance.

statue

n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

synonym: sculpture, figurine, monument

(1) a beautiful **statue**, (2) the ancient Egyptian **statues**

The **statue** of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

clue

n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

synonym : hint, indication, inkling

(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis

The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym : knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

beware

v. to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger

synonym : heed, caution, alert

(1) **beware** of scams, (2) **beware** of strangers

Please **beware** of the slippery floor after it rains, or you could fall.

birthmark

n. a mark or discolored spot on the skin that is present at birth or appears soon after, usually caused by a concentration of pigment or blood vessels

synonym : nevus

(1) congenital **birthmark**, (2) permanent **birthmark**

The **birthmark** on her forehead was shaped like a star and made her stand out from the crowd.

erase

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

synonym : wipe out, delete, obliterate

(1) **erase** a memory, (2) **erased** the files

He attempted to **erase** the misspelled word.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym : description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word
Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling
The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym: limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe
The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

graft

n. a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods

synonym: transplant, implantation, bribery

(1) **graft** surgery, (2) anti- **graft** law
The patient's skin **graft** procedure was successful, and he was released from the hospital.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym: accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill
The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

opt

v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities

synonym: choose, select, pick

(1) **opt** out of society, (2) **opt** for a traditional wedding

I decided to **opt** for premature retirement.

destiny

n. the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future

synonym: fate, future, outcome

(1) foreordained **destiny**, (2) **destiny** of the individual

It is said that our **destiny** is written in the stars.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym: disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**

Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

therapy

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

synonym: antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**

I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.

uphill

adj. sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope

synonym: skyward, ascending, difficult

(1) an **uphill** road, (2) an **uphill** task

The road is **uphill** for a while.

downhill

adv. in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner

synonym: downslope

(1) ski **downhill**, (2) walk **downhill** to the beach

The family's finances have been going **downhill** since they lost their main source of income.

- cliff** *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
synonym: crag, escarpment, precipice
(1) a bold **cliff**, (2) **cliff** diving
He stood at the edge of the **cliff** and looked out to sea.
- suicide** *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
synonym: self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se
(1) commit **suicide**, (2) **suicide** attack
In an economically prosperous country, most male **suicide** is due to child support problems.
- tide** *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
synonym: ripple, surge, swell
(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change
Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.
- antidepressant** *n.* any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry
(1) an **antidepressant** drug, (2) **antidepressant** effect
She has been taking **antidepressants** since her baby died.
- adolescent** *n.* a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
synonym: teen, preadult, youth
(1) **adolescent** girl, (2) pre- **adolescent** children
Timely education about birth control might help reduce **adolescent** pregnancies.
- cruel** *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
synonym: heartless, sadistic, vicious
(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke
The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

audacity

n. boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless

synonym : boldness, daring, temerity

(1) **audacity** of hope, (2) act of **audacity**

His **audacity** in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.

depression

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

synonym : recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

Depression symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

remedy

n. a successful way of dealing with or improving an unpleasant or difficult situation or curing an illness

synonym : treatment, medication, therapy

(1) **remedy** for air pollution, (2) an internal **remedy**

This drug will be a good **remedy** for your stomach trouble.

aid

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

synonym : helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

kit

n. a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose

synonym : set, package, bundle

(1) survival **kit**, (2) a first-aid **kit**

I bought a new tool **kit** for my home repair projects.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature
He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**
Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

addiction

n. the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym : dependence

(1) alcohol **addiction**, (2) **addiction** to foreign oil
He is now fighting his **addiction** to drugs.

sanity

n. the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational

synonym : mental health, rationality, soundness

(1) **sanity** check, (2) have a **sanity** hearing

Her job's long hours and high pressure started affecting her **sanity**.

arsenal

n. a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor

synonym : storage, stockpile, armory

(1) **arsenal** of knowledge, (2) political **arsenal**

The police found a hidden **arsenal** of weapons in the suspect's house.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a

person's **background**.

soundtrack

n. the recorded audio that accompanies a movie, television program, or video game

synonym: score, background music, accompaniment

(1) **soundtrack** album, (2) a motion picture with a **soundtrack**

The **soundtrack** to the movie was composed by a famous musician.

circus

n. a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment

synonym: fair, carnival, spectacle

(1) **circus** performer, (2) **circus** tent

The kids were excited to go to the **circus** and see the clowns and animals perform.

peck

v. to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble

synonym: beak, nibble, pick

(1) **peck** on the cheek, (2) **peck** at feed

The wood **pecker** would peck at the tree high up in the branches.

acrobatic

adj. relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful

synonym: nimble, agile, flexible

(1) **acrobatic** leaps, (2) **acrobatic** skills

The **acrobatic** performance was breathtaking and left the audience in awe.

tame

v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not

dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

synonym: domesticate, soften, (adjective) harmless

(1) **tame** a wild beast, (2) a **tame** animal

We have to **tame** substantial financial deficits at first.

clown

n. a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences

synonym: jester, harlequin, comedian

(1) a **clown** act, (2) act as a **clown**

She dressed up as a Halloween **clown** with a rainbow wig and oversized red nose.

carnival

n. a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment

synonym: fair, festival, celebration

(1) **carnival** parade, (2) **carnival** atmosphere

The traveling **carnival** is coming to our town next week.

freak

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

synonym: anomaly, deviation, oddity

(1) a rock **freak**, (2) **freak** weather

The **freak** accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

lobster

n. a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming

synonym: crustacean, crawfish, crayfish

(1) **lobster** dinner, (2) fresh **lobster**

The restaurant served a delicious **lobster**, steamed to perfection.

claw

n. a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand

with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

synonym : paw, talon, nail

(1) **claw** marks, (2) **claw** hammer

The bear used its **claw** to catch a fish in the river.

beard

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

synonym : facial hair, whiskers, stubble

(1) a black **beard**, (2) shave my **beard**

He grew a thick **beard** to change his appearance.

odddity

n. something unusual or different

synonym : rarity, curiosity, peculiarity

(1) find an **odddity**, (2) genetic **odddity**

The two-headed snake was an **odddity** at the zoo.

juggle

v. to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act

synonym : jiggle, balance, handle

(1) **juggle** a job and motherhood, (2) **juggle** with facts

It can be difficult to **juggle** work, family, and social life, but finding balance is important.

solitaire

n. a single-player game or activity often played with cards or on a computer; a type of diamond or jewel that is set alone in a piece of jewelry with no accompanying stones

synonym : patience, loneliness, solo game

(1) **solitaire** game, (2) **solitaire** diamond

My grandmother loved to play **solitaire** with a deck of cards every afternoon.

spin

v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

synonym : rotate, twirl, swirl

(1) **spin** a top, (2) **spin** thread out of cotton

The tornado is **spinning** across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

heal

v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

synonym: recover, bring around, mend

(1) **heal** a broken bone, (2) **heal** the hurt mind

It will take time for her mental scars to **heal**.

tightrope

n. a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure

synonym: rope walk, high wire, funambulism

(1) **tightrope** performer, (2) **tightrope** act

The **tightrope** walker balanced precariously above the crowd.

debris

n. broken or torn fragments of something

synonym: remains, remnants, garbage

(1) space **debris**, (2) pile of **debris**

Marine **debris** is a major continuous global problem.

smashing

adj. very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

synonym: great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym: throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

clique

n. a narrow, exclusive group of people who share similar backgrounds or interests and who tend to be socially or politically powerful

synonym: clan, group, gang

(1) **clique** behavior, (2) form a **clique**

Members of the popular **clique** at school often exclude others from their group.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym: down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

cheer

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

synonym: comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up

Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

underdog

n. a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context

synonym : loser, victim

(1) cheer for the **underdog**, (2) classic **underdog** story

The **underdog** team pulled off a stunning upset against the heavily favored opponent.

stem

n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

synonym : branch, limb, (verb) come from

(1) **stem** from a belief, (2) the **stem** of a matchstick

A rose has thorns on its **stem**.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym : relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

stall

v. to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area

synonym : halt, hamper, (noun) cubicle

(1) **stall** at sea, (2) **stall** in a tunnel

The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally **stalled**.

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym : road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym : crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

fade

v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

synonym : languish, wither

(1) **fade** away almost completely, (2) **fade** in importance

My memory will **fade**, but my heart will live on.

echo

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

synonym : reverberate, repeat, reflection

(1) the **echo** of a person's footsteps, (2) sound **echo**

A thunderous boom **echoed** throughout the valley.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. country-by-country a_d programs | <i>n.</i> things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support |
| 2. pr_____al responsible | <i>adj.</i> most important, main, or chief |
| 3. a s__t on his honor | <i>n.</i> a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it |
| 4. earlier emotional br___e | <i>n.</i> a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin |
| 5. ch__r for the home team | <i>v.</i> to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval |
| 6. a cr__l and unusual punishment | <i>adj.</i> feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others |
| 7. un___r employment practices | <i>adj.</i> not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception |
| 8. gr__t a new license | <i>v.</i> to agree to give or allow somebody |
| 9. genetic od___y | <i>n.</i> something unusual or different |
| 10. anti-gr__t law | <i>n.</i> a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods |

ANSWERS: 1. aid, 2. principal, 3. spot, 4. bruise, 5. cheer, 6. cruel, 7. unfair, 8. grant, 9. oddity, 10. graft

11. airplane g__k *n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
12. ga_____e collection *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
13. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
14. ov____y unnecessary *adv.* to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable
15. sh__e my head *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
16. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
17. show up in a mas_____de *n.* a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show
18. a t__e animal *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
19. army su_____n *n.* a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body

ANSWERS: 11. geek, 12. garbage, 13. stick, 14. overly, 15. shave, 16. abandon, 17. masquerade, 18. tame, 19. surgeon

20. f__e in importance *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
21. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
22. be_____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
23. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
24. sh_____s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
25. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
26. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
27. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
28. hi_____y system *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
29. a cl__n act *n.* a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences
30. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

ANSWERS: 20. fade, 21. background, 22. beneath, 23. ugly, 24. shyness, 25. grade, 26. biology, 27. conversation, 28. highway, 29. clown, 30. quitter

31. fa__y acid *adj.* containing a lot of fat
32. lo__h to negotiate *adj.* unwilling or reluctant to; feeling strong dislike or aversion towards
33. met_____ze from breast cancer *v.* (of a cancerous tumor or disease) to spread or grow to other parts of the body from its original location
34. t__e a wild beast *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
35. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
36. ret_____nt from politics *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
37. classic un_____og story *n.* a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context
38. de_____y of the individual *n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
39. pre_____se a limitation *v.* to assume or require as an essential condition or prerequisite; to take for granted or consider as a necessary assumption before further discussion or action

ANSWERS: 31. fatty, 32. loath, 33. metastasize, 34. tame, 35. spot, 36. retirement, 37. underdog, 38. destiny, 39. presuppose

48. pu____d by the question *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
49. a first-aid k_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
50. low al____de *n.* the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level
51. permanent bi____rk *n.* a mark or discolored spot on the skin that is present at birth or appears soon after, usually caused by a concentration of pigment or blood vessels
52. c__p a meet with a knife *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
53. c__w hammer *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
54. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
55. bo____d a fort with heavy shells *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
56. pre____se certain conditions *v.* to assume or require as an essential condition or prerequisite; to take for granted or consider as a necessary assumption before further discussion or action

ANSWERS: 48. puzzled, 49. kit, 50. altitude, 51. birthmark, 52. chop, 53. claw, 54. tap, 55. bombard, 56. presuppose

57. cheer for the un____og *n.* a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context
58. a sense of sat_____ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
59. extremely co_____t device *adj.* closely and firmly united or packed together, using very little space; smaller than is usual
60. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
61. ov___y excessive *adv.* to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable
62. au_____ty of hope *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
63. c__p wood *v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
64. book of po___y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
65. t__e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
66. a c__e to the diagnosis *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

ANSWERS: 57. underdog, 58. satisfaction, 59. compact, 60. adopt, 61. overly, 62. audacity, 63. chop, 64. poetry, 65. tide, 66. clue

67. an excellent brain su____n
n. a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body
68. ci___s performer
n. a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment
69. gr____te degree program
n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
70. p__k on the cheek
v. to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
71. pr____al actor
adj. most important, main, or chief
72. met____ze to the liver
v. (of a cancerous tumor or disease) to spread or grow to other parts of the body from its original location
73. be___e of scams
v. to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger
74. sc___d dog
adj. afraid or frightened
75. his social st____ng
adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
76. be___g to different species
v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 67. surgeon, 68. circus, 69. graduate, 70. peck, 71. principal, 72. metastasize, 73. beware, 74. scared, 75. standing, 76. belong

77. cr__h a revolt *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
78. a tr____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
79. an interstate hi____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
80. survival k_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
81. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
82. fru_____on level *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
83. cl__f diving *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
84. du____er diving *n.* a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck
85. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
86. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 77. crush, 78. tragedy, 79. highway, 80. kit, 81. bully, 82. frustration, 83. cliff, 84. dumpster, 85. quitter, 86. opposition

87. ado_____nt girl *n.* a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
88. a co_____t camera *adj.* closely and firmly united or packed together, using very little space; smaller than is usual
89. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
90. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
91. re____y for air pollution *n.* a successful way of dealing with or improving an unpleasant or difficult situation or curing an illness
92. s__n thread out of cotton *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
93. g_m membership *n.* a place equipped for exercise and other physical training
94. de____e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
95. de____e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
96. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
97. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
98. lo__h to fire my loyal employee *adj.* unwilling or reluctant to; feeling strong dislike or aversion towards

ANSWERS: 87. adolescent, 88. compact, 89. cast, 90. balance, 91. remedy, 92. spin, 93. gym, 94. define, 95. define, 96. amazing, 97. bury, 98. loath

99. fr__k weather *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
100. o_t out of society *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
101. form a cl___e *n.* a narrow, exclusive group of people who share similar backgrounds or interests and who tend to be socially or politically powerful
102. a l__n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
103. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
104. ni_____me for a person *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
105. foreordained de_____y *n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
106. lose some of my sh_____s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
107. f__e away almost completely *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
108. re_____se a speech *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it

ANSWERS: 99. freak, 100. opt, 101. clique, 102. lean, 103. violent, 104. nickname, 105. destiny, 106. shyness, 107. fade, 108. rehearse

109. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
110. ti_____pe act *n.* a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure
111. a court re___s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
112. er__ed the files *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
113. sa___y check *n.* the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational
114. st__l at sea *v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area
115. economic wre_____ess *n.* the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
116. em_____e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
117. ju___e a job and motherhood *v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act

ANSWERS: 109. mad, 110. tightrope, 111. recess, 112. erase, 113. sanity, 114. stall, 115. wretchedness, 116. embrace, 117. juggle

118. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
119. fo____h behavior *adj.* lacking good sense or judgment; displaying a lack of wisdom or intelligence
120. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
121. mistaken id____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
122. sc____d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
123. s__n a top *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
124. write in rh__e *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
125. lo____r dinner *n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
126. ju____e with facts *v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
127. finish the ass____nt *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

ANSWERS: 118. amazing, 119. foolish, 120. stick, 121. identity, 122. scared, 123. spin, 124. rhyme, 125. lobster, 126. juggle, 127. assignment

128. p__k at feed *v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
129. sa_____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
130. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
131. er__e a memory *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
132. cr__h coffee beans *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
133. tear the hea_____ngs *n.* someone's most profound feelings, especially used to express love or compassion
134. throw a bo_____ng *n.* a curved, flat wooden or metal weapon that is thrown and can return to the thrower; a plan, action, or attempt that unintentionally rebounds on the person who initiates it
135. lump of ga_____e *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
136. ca_____al atmosphere *n.* a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment

ANSWERS: 128. peck, 129. sacrifice, 130. grant, 131. erase, 132. crush, 133. heartstring, 134. boomerang, 135. garbage, 136. carnival

137. apo_____ic tone *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
138. re_____se an opera *v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
139. ac_____ic skills *adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
140. certified pro_____nal secretary *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
141. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
142. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
143. ant_____ant effect *n.* any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry
144. sh__e cheese *v.* to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
145. variety of ma___e life *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
146. ou_____er our opponents *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

ANSWERS: 137. apologetic, 138. rehearse, 139. acrobatic, 140. professional, 141. surround, 142. inspiration, 143. antidepressant, 144. shave, 145. marine, 146. outnumber

147. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
148. ac_____ic leaps *adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
149. a bold cl__f *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
150. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
151. the e__o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
152. di_____s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
153. sou_____ck album *n.* the recorded audio that accompanies a movie, television program, or video game
154. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
155. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
156. ab_____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
157. shave my be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
158. h__l a broken bone *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again

ANSWERS: 147. decide, 148. acrobatic, 149. cliff, 150. aid, 151. echo, 152. dismiss, 153. soundtrack, 154. conscious, 155. biology, 156. abandon, 157. beard, 158. heal

159. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
160. fo____h decision *adj.* lacking good sense or judgment; displaying a lack of wisdom or intelligence
161. express fru_____on *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
162. h__l the hurt mind *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
163. touch everyone's hea_____ngs *n.* someone's most profound feelings, especially used to express love or compassion
164. ski do_____ll *adv.* in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner
165. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
166. g__k enthusiast *n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
167. a cow s__d *v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage

ANSWERS: 159. adopt, 160. foolish, 161. frustration, 162. heal, 163. heartstring, 164. downhill, 165. identity, 166. geek, 167. shed

168. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
169. the ancient Egyptian st___es *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
170. ch__r me up *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
171. bat_____und states *n.* a place where a battle is fought
172. less fa__y meat *adj.* containing a lot of fat
173. a motion picture with a sou_____ck *n.* the recorded audio that accompanies a movie, television program, or video game
174. pi___c basket *n.* an outdoor meal or social gathering where food is served and eaten in nature, typically in a park, forest, or other outdoor settings
175. cl___e behavior *n.* a narrow, exclusive group of people who share similar backgrounds or interests and who tend to be socially or politically powerful
176. bo_____d him with questions *v.* to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
177. bo_____ng effect *n.* a curved, flat wooden or metal weapon that is thrown and can return to the thrower; a plan, action, or attempt that unintentionally rebounds on the person who initiates it

ANSWERS: 168. conversation, 169. statue, 170. cheer, 171. battleground, 172. fatty, 173. soundtrack, 174. picnic, 175. clique, 176. bombard, 177. boomerang

178. absurd mas_____de *n.* a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show
179. be___e of strangers *v.* to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger
180. field of gene th____y *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
181. wr_____ng match *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
182. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
183. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
184. arm wr_____ng *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
185. gr__t surgery *n.* a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods
186. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

ANSWERS: 178. masquerade, 179. beware, 180. therapy, 181. wrestling, 182. mad, 183. branch, 184. wrestling, 185. graft, 186. cast

187. pile of de___s *n.* broken or torn fragments of something
188. ca____al parade *n.* a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment
189. a preliminary inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
190. a sm_____ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
191. a g_m suit *n.* a place equipped for exercise and other physical training
192. ci___s tent *n.* a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment
193. the aftermath of this tr_____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
194. fling a sp_____ll *n.* a small ball made from chewing gum or paper and moistened with saliva, typically thrown as a prank or in a playful manner; (verb) brainstorm or throw out ideas, often in a casual or non-committal manner
195. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

ANSWERS: 187. debris, 188. carnival, 189. investigation, 190. smashing, 191. gym, 192. circus, 193. tragedy, 194. spitball, 195. sacrifice

196. in____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
197. empty the du_____er *n.* a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck
198. a rock fr__k *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
199. sound e__o *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
200. y__a teacher *n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
201. ma___e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
202. pu_____d expression *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
203. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
204. emotional wre_____ess *n.* the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
205. the root problem of her dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
206. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 196. inherit, 197. dumpster, 198. freak, 199. echo, 200. yoga, 201. marine, 202. puzzled, 203. bury, 204. wretchedness, 205. depression, 206. opposition

207. during noon re___s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
208. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
209. a beautiful st___e *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
210. the Great Dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
211. space de___s *n.* broken or torn fragments of something
212. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
213. rh__e poem *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
214. an up___l task *adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope
215. modern po___y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
216. the ground be_____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something

ANSWERS: 207. recess, 208. tap, 209. statue, 210. depression, 211. debris, 212. decide, 213. rhyme, 214. uphill, 215. poetry, 216. beneath

217. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
218. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
219. an up___l road *adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope
220. a re_____ic goal *adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
221. s___m from a belief *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
222. honor gr_____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
223. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
224. bu___y the weak *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
225. ti_____pe performer *n.* a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure

ANSWERS: 217. definition, 218. belong, 219. uphill, 220. realistic, 221. stem, 222. graduate, 223. inherit, 224. bully, 225. tightrope

226. congenital bi_____rk *n.* a mark or discolored spot on the skin that is present at birth or appears soon after, usually caused by a concentration of pigment or blood vessels
227. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
228. l__n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
229. the scope of an inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
230. s__d an old skin *v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage
231. cr__l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
232. alcohol ad_____on *n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
233. ar_____l of knowledge *n.* a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor
234. political ar_____l *n.* a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor

ANSWERS: 226. birthmark, 227. surround, 228. lean, 229. investigation, 230. shed, 231. cruel, 232. addiction, 233. arsenal, 234. arsenal

235. have a sa___y hearing *n.* the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational
236. aerial y__a *n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
237. di_____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
238. endearing ni_____me *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
239. tr__h bin *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
240. have an un___r advantage *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
241. livid br___e *n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
242. ad_____on to foreign oil *n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
243. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
244. so_____re diamond *n.* a single-player game or activity often played with cards or on a computer; a type of diamond or jewel that is set alone in a piece of jewelry with no accompanying stones

ANSWERS: 235. sanity, 236. yoga, 237. dismiss, 238. nickname, 239. trash, 240. unfair, 241. bruise, 242. addiction, 243. grade, 244. solitaire

245. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
246. pre-ado_____nt children *n.* a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
247. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
248. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
249. an ant_____ant drug *n.* any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry
250. o_t for a traditional wedding *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
251. act of au_____ty *n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
252. ride the t__e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
253. pi___c table *n.* an outdoor meal or social gathering where food is served and eaten in nature, typically in a park, forest, or other outdoor settings
254. a c__e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
255. su_____e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
256. tr__h disposal site *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
257. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 245. violent, 246. adolescent, 247. conscious, 248. ugly, 249. antidepressant, 250. opt, 251. audacity, 252. tide, 253. picnic, 254. clue, 255. suicide, 256. trash, 257. background

258. give sm_____ng results *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
259. customer sat_____ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
260. the legal bat_____und *n.* a place where a battle is fought
261. the s__m of a matchstick *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
262. sp_____ll ideas *n.* a small ball made from chewing gum or paper and moistened with saliva, typically thrown as a prank or in a playful manner; (verb) brainstorm or throw out ideas, often in a casual or non-committal manner
263. a black be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
264. th_____y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
265. fresh lo_____r *n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
266. st__l in a tunnel *v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area

ANSWERS: 258. smashing, 259. satisfaction, 260. battleground, 261. stem, 262. spitball, 263. beard, 264. therapy, 265. lobster, 266. stall

267. commit su____e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
268. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
269. ass_____nt of interest *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
270. in_____n pimple *adj.* referring to a hair or nail that has grown into the skin surrounding it, causing irritation or infection
271. c__w marks *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
272. an internal re____y *n.* a successful way of dealing with or improving an unpleasant or difficult situation or curing an illness
273. apo_____ic letter *adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
274. ou_____er males *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
275. in_____n hair *adj.* referring to a hair or nail that has grown into the skin surrounding it, causing irritation or infection
276. pro_____nal athlete *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

ANSWERS: 267. suicide, 268. definition, 269. assignment, 270. ingrown, 271. claw, 272. remedy, 273. apologetic, 274. outnumber, 275. ingrown, 276. professional

277. impending ret_____nt *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
278. act as a cl__n *n.* a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences
279. find an od___y *n.* something unusual or different
280. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
281. ka___e moves *n.* a Japanese martial art that emphasizes hand and foot strikes, blocks, and evasions, often using a combination of techniques to overpower an opponent, also seen as a form of self-defense and physical training

ANSWERS: 277. retirement, 278. clown, 279. oddity, 280. balance, 281. karate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She dressed up as a Halloween _____ with a rainbow wig and oversized red nose.
 - n.* a performer, typically in a circus, who wears distinctive makeup and costumes and plays practical jokes, and performs tricks or stunts to entertain audiences
2. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
 - n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
3. This remote _____ is rarely visited.
 - n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
4. The _____ party was lavish, with guests in elaborate costumes and masks.
 - n.* a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show
5. Seals and whales are _____ animals beloved by the people.
 - adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
6. The _____ performance was breathtaking and left the audience in awe.
 - adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
7. He grew a thick _____ to change his appearance.
 - n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

ANSWERS: 1. clown, 2. graduate, 3. spot, 4. masquerade, 5. marine, 6. acrobatic, 7. beard

8. We have to _____ substantial financial deficits at first.
- v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
9. His _____ in stealing the painting matched his foolishness in getting caught.
- n.* boldness or daring, especially when it is foolhardy or reckless
10. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
- n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
11. He became _____ that he was being followed.
- adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
12. I bought a new tool _____ for my home repair projects.
- n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
13. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
14. He was _____ for being late to the meeting.
- adj.* feeling or expressing regret, remorse, or sorrow for one's actions; making an apology or expressing an excuse for something
15. _____ symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.
- n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

ANSWERS: 8. tame, 9. audacity, 10. branch, 11. conscious, 12. kit, 13. decide, 14. apologetic, 15. Depression

16. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
17. The teacher caught the student making a _____ gun in the back of the classroom.
n. a small ball made from chewing gum or paper and moistened with saliva, typically thrown as a prank or in a playful manner; (verb) brainstorm or throw out ideas, often in a casual or non-committal manner
18. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
19. The movie was _____ dramatic, with exaggerated emotions and cliched plot twists.
adv. to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable
20. An _____ toenail can be very painful and requires medical attention.
adj. referring to a hair or nail that has grown into the skin surrounding it, causing irritation or infection
21. I'm _____ to go to the dentist because I fear the pain.
adj. unwilling or reluctant to; feeling strong dislike or aversion towards
22. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 16. quitter, 17. spitball, 18. stick, 19. overly, 20. ingrown, 21. loath, 22. conversation

23. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.
v. to agree to give or allow somebody
24. The family enjoyed a lovely _____ in the park on a sunny day.
n. an outdoor meal or social gathering where food is served and eaten in nature, typically in a park, forest, or other outdoor settings
25. The number of tourists in the city now _____ the locals.
v. to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
26. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
27. The plane flew at a high _____ to avoid turbulence.
n. the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level
28. We have never before conducted a legitimate _____.
n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
29. This fund is responsible for disability and _____ benefits.
n. the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
30. She was _____ by the strange behavior of her cat.
adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
31. The woods _____ the house.
v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

ANSWERS: 23. granted, 24. picnic, 25. outnumber, 26. biology, 27. altitude, 28. investigation, 29. retirement, 30. puzzled, 31. embrace

32. The police couldn't find a _____ to her whereabouts.
- n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
33. The actors needed to _____ their lines before the performance.
- v.* to practice or repeat something, such as a performance, speech, or action, to prepare for an event or to improve one's skills; to go through the motions of a planned activity before executing it
34. The road is _____ for a while.
- adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope
35. The _____ on her forehead was shaped like a star and made her stand out from the crowd.
- n.* a mark or discolored spot on the skin that is present at birth or appears soon after, usually caused by a concentration of pigment or blood vessels
36. Cancer cells can _____ and spread to other body parts if left untreated.
- v.* (of a cancerous tumor or disease) to spread or grow to other parts of the body from its original location
37. He attempted to _____ the misspelled word.
- v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
38. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
- v.* to be all around something or somebody
39. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.
- v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

ANSWERS: 32. clue, 33. rehearse, 34. uphill, 35. birthmark, 36. metastasize, 37. erase, 38. surround, 39. cheered

40. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.
adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
41. The _____ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.
n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected
42. My memory will _____ but my heart will live on.
v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
43. She has been taking _____ since her baby died.
n. any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry
44. The city became a _____ during the war.
n. a place where a battle is fought
45. The _____ reason for the company's success is its innovative products.
adj. most important, main, or chief
46. The _____ of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.
n. a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
47. Timely education about birth control might help reduce _____ pregnancies.
n. a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
48. A rose has thorns on its _____.
n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

ANSWERS: 40. Lean, 41. freak, 42. fade, 43. antidepressants, 44. battleground, 45. principal, 46. statue, 47. adolescent, 48. stem

49. He is a skilled _____ that has many years of training and experience.
n. a doctor who is trained to perform medical operations that involve cutting open a person's body
50. The book delves into the _____ and misery of life in a war-torn country.
n. the state of being miserable, unhappy, or distressed; the quality of being unfortunate or deeply distressed
51. Overprotective parents often _____ their children with messages reinforcing their lack of mastery.
v. to attack a place with bombs or gunshots continuously; to address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage
52. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.
adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something
53. She went to the fully equipped ____ to work out every day.
n. a place equipped for exercise and other physical training
54. The family's finances have been going _____ since they lost their main source of income.
adv. in a direction that is downward or from a higher to a lower point; in a progressively worse or deteriorating manner
55. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
56. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

ANSWERS: 49. surgeon, 50. wretchedness, 51. bombard, 52. beneath, 53. gym, 54. downhill, 55. violent, 56. inspiration

57. It can be difficult to _____ work, family, and social life, but finding balance is important.
- v.* to manage or cope with several tasks, responsibilities, or situations simultaneously; to keep several things in the air at once, as in a juggling act
58. He felt a deep _____ as he realized the project would not be completed on time.
- n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
59. That story was so _____ and it was scary.
- adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
60. He was ____ with joy to see the results.
- adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
61. The traveling _____ is coming to our town next week.
- n.* a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment
62. The wood_____ would peck at the tree high up in the branches.
- v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
63. He stood at the edge of the _____ and looked out to sea.
- n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
64. Her job's long hours and high pressure started affecting her _____.
- n.* the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational

ANSWERS: 57. juggle, 58. frustration, 59. realistic, 60. mad, 61. carnival, 62. pecker, 63. cliff, 64. sanity

65. The tornado is _____ across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.
- v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
66. Her story tugged at my _____.
- n.* someone's most profound feelings, especially used to express love or compassion
67. I'm _____ of insects.
- adj.* afraid or frightened
68. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
69. The cook _____ the vegetables for the soup.
- v.* to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
70. She had a _____ on her arm from where she fell on the playground.
- n.* a mark caused by a blow, typically one that is purple or black on the skin
71. The two-headed snake was an _____ at the zoo.
- n.* something unusual or different
72. This drug will be a good _____ for your stomach trouble.
- n.* a successful way of dealing with or improving an unpleasant or difficult situation or curing an illness
73. The patient's skin _____ procedure was successful, and he was released from the hospital.
- n.* a transplanted portion of tissue or skin, often taken from one part of the body and used to repair or replace damaged or missing tissue in another part; a corrupt or illegal means of acquiring wealth or power through illicit or unethical methods

ANSWERS: 65. spinning, 66. heartstrings, 67. scared, 68. define, 69. chopped, 70.

bruise, 71. oddity, 72. remedy, 73. graft

74. It will take time for her mental scars to _____.
- v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
75. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
76. It is said that our _____ is written in the stars.
- n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
77. The criticism that he gave to his boss ended up _____ on himself.
- n.* a curved, flat wooden or metal weapon that is thrown and can return to the thrower; a plan, action, or attempt that unintentionally rebounds on the person who initiates it
78. The band's new album was a _____ success, reaching the top of the charts.
- adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
79. The team has a _____ for their star player: "The Ace."
- n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
80. The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of _____ in the streets.
- n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
81. Marine _____ is a major continuous global problem.
- n.* broken or torn fragments of something
82. He had always been interested in sumo _____ and decided to try it.
- n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

ANSWERS: 74. heal, 75. adopted, 76. destiny, 77. boomeranging, 78. smashing, 79. nickname, 80. trash, 81. debris, 82. wrestling

83. The mediated settlement brought _____ to both sides.

- n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

84. He was a computer _____ and spent all his free time coding.

- n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed

85. The _____ concert was packed with fans.

- adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

86. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.

- v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

87. The castle was _____ several years later.

- v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

88. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.

- n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

89. Red _____ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

- n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

90. He is now fighting his _____ to drugs.

- n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

ANSWERS: 83. satisfaction, 84. geek, 85. standing, 86. bury, 87. abandoned, 88. highway, 89. tide, 90. addiction

91. That supermarket tried to _____ certain costs by saving electricity.
v. to remove body hair with a razor; to cut the price of something
92. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
93. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.
v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
94. She has been practicing _____ for years and has won many tournaments.
n. a Japanese martial art that emphasizes hand and foot strikes, blocks, and evasions, often using a combination of techniques to overpower an opponent, also seen as a form of self-defense and physical training
95. He finally overcame his _____.
n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
96. Pakistan's _____ budget was still being reviewed.
n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
97. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
98. You should keep away from _____ foods.
adj. containing a lot of fat

ANSWERS: 91. shave, 92. balance, 93. cast, 94. karate, 95. shyness, 96. aid, 97. background, 98. fatty

99. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
100. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
101. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.
v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
102. He has a _____ demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.
adj. having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
103. My _____ was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.
n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
104. The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally _____.
v. to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area
105. The restaurant served a delicious _____ steamed to perfection.
n. a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
106. The bear used its _____ to catch a fish in the river.
n. a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

ANSWERS: 99. grade, 100. tap, 101. dismiss, 102. professional, 103. assignment, 104. stalled, 105. lobster, 106. claw

107. The _____ truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.
n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
108. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
109. The police found a hidden _____ of weapons in the suspect's house.
n. a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor
110. Forgetting to save his work was a _____ mistake that cost him hours of effort.
adj. lacking good sense or judgment; displaying a lack of wisdom or intelligence
111. In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making _____ decisions.
adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
112. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.
adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
113. The schoolyard _____ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.
n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
114. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 107. garbage, 108. identity, 109. arsenal, 110. foolish, 111. unfair, 112. ugly, 113. bully, 114. amazing

115. The kids were excited to go to the _____ and see the clowns and animals perform.
- n.* a traveling show or entertainment that often features acrobats, clowns, animals, and other performers; a chaotic, confusing, or tumultuous situation or environment
116. My grandmother loved to play _____ with a deck of cards every afternoon.
- n.* a single-player game or activity often played with cards or on a computer; a type of diamond or jewel that is set alone in a piece of jewelry with no accompanying stones
117. Many people find that regular _____ practice can help reduce stress and anxiety.
- n.* a Hindu spiritual and ascetic discipline including breath control, simple meditation, and the adoption of specific bodily postures, which is widely practiced for health and relaxation
118. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of _____ varies greatly.
- n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
119. Members of the popular _____ at school often exclude others from their group.
- n.* a narrow, exclusive group of people who share similar backgrounds or interests and who tend to be socially or politically powerful
120. I decided to _____ for premature retirement.
- v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
121. The _____ walker balanced precariously above the crowd.
- n.* a rope or wire stretched tightly between two points, on which acrobats, tightrope walkers, etc., perform; a risky or precarious situation that requires one to balance carefully to avoid falling or failure

ANSWERS: 115. circus, 116. solitaire, 117. yoga, 118. poetry, 119. clique, 120. opt, 121. tightrope

122. The _____ team pulled off a stunning upset against the heavily favored opponent.
- n.* a person or group in a competition or situation that is expected to lose or be at a disadvantage; a person or group that is seen as less powerful or less favored than others in a social, political, or economic context
123. Please _____ of the slippery floor after it rains, or you could fall.
- v.* to be cautious or careful about something or someone that may cause harm or danger
124. In an economically prosperous country, most male _____ is due to child support problems.
- n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
125. Two countries acted together as if by _____.
- adj.* closely and firmly united or packed together, using very little space; smaller than is usual
126. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.
- n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
127. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
- n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
128. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.
- n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
129. The car was completely _____ in the accident.
- v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

ANSWERS: 122. underdog, 123. beware, 124. suicide, 125. compact, 126. echoed, 127. definition, 128. therapy, 129. crushed

130. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

131. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

132. The _____ to the movie was composed by a famous musician.

n. the recorded audio that accompanies a movie, television program, or video game

133. To fully understand the concept, we must _____ certain background knowledge.

v. to assume or require as an essential condition or prerequisite; to take for granted or consider as a necessary assumption before further discussion or action

134. The employee found \$100 in the _____ behind the store.

n. a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck

135. He _____ a secret tear when he heard the news of his friend's death.

v. to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage

136. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 130. opposition, 131. cruel, 132. soundtrack, 133. presuppose, 134. dumpster, 135. shed, 136. belong

137. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.

- n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

138. The poem had a consistent _____ scheme throughout.

- n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

139. After his death, his sons _____ his business.

- v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

140. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.

- n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

141. The company decided to take a _____ and reconvene the meeting later that day.

- n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court

ANSWERS: 137. tragedy, 138. rhyme, 139. inherited, 140. sacrifice, 141. recess